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ON

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Part in Verse;
Part Narrative,



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Chronological Account of Remarkable Occurrences.

S I N C E

T HE Creation of the World	Years.	5900
The general Deluge, or <i>Noah's Flood</i>	-	4147
The Birth of <i>Abraham</i>	-	3801
The Foundation of <i>Solomon's Temple</i>	-	2805
The Babylonish Captivity	-	2502
The Birth of our Blessed Lord and Saviour <i>Jesus Christ</i>	-	1796
His Passion and glorious Resurrection	-	1763
The beginning of the Ten Persecutions, by <i>Nero</i>	-	1724
The Tower of <i>LONDON</i> built	-	1225
<i>Cambridge</i> made an University	-	1151
<i>Oxford</i> made an University	-	925
<i>William Duke of Normandy</i> conquered <i>England</i>	-	730
The Invention of Guns	-	418
The Art of Printing first invented at <i>Harlem</i>	-	366
A great Plague in <i>London</i> , whereof died 30,578	-	194
The horrid Gunpowder Treason	-	191
The Holy Bible new translated	-	189
Plague in <i>London</i> , of which, and other Diseases died 54,266	-	171
<i>New England</i> planted	-	166
King <i>Charles I.</i> beheaded	-	148
King <i>Charles II.</i> restored	-	136
Another Plague in <i>London</i> , whereof, &c. died nearly 100,000	-	131
13,200 Houses burnt in <i>London</i>	-	130
A great Comet appeared in <i>December</i> and <i>January</i>	-	115
The great 13 Weeks Frost	-	112
King <i>William III.</i> and Queen <i>Mary</i> crowned <i>April 11</i>	-	107
<i>England</i> and <i>Scotland</i> united	-	91
<i>St. Paul's</i> in <i>London</i> finished	-	89
Queen <i>Anne</i> died <i>August 13</i> and King <i>George I.</i> began	-	82
<i>Presby</i> Rebellion	-	81
King <i>George I.</i> died <i>June 11</i> ; and King <i>George II.</i> procl. 16 June	-	69
A splendid Comet, seen from <i>Dec. 23</i> to <i>Feb. 2</i>	-	53
A Rebellion, when the Rebels came so far as <i>Dorby</i>	-	51
The Date and Calendar altered	-	44
The Militia Act passed	-	38
King <i>George II.</i> died <i>Oct. 25</i> ; and King <i>George III.</i> began	-	36
King <i>George III.</i> and Queen <i>Charlotte</i> crowned <i>Sept. 22</i>	-	35
Peace with <i>France</i> and <i>Spain</i>	-	32
The Swedes forced to resign their Liberties to the King	-	24
War commenced against <i>North America</i>	-	21
The Americans declare themselves Independent States	-	20
The French signed the first Treaty with the American States	-	18
War against <i>France</i> commenced	-	18
War begun against <i>Spain</i>	-	17
War against <i>Holland</i> commenced	-	16
A general Peace	-	13

P R E F A C E.

IN SESE VOLVITUR ANNUS.

*The year is pictur'd like a snake,
That its tail in his mouth can take.*

AND now, my kind and loving customers, the revolving year has brought this happy day, on which my Almanacks are published at Stationer's-Hall, you may get a mind well stored with useful knowledge, if you can but read; and will but mind my sage maxims contained therein; and I may-hap may happily get a good belly full of victuals, and there is no doubt, I hope, if I live and be well, but I shall have an appetite keen enough to eat them. Do not suppose that because the price of my book is raised, I am likely to grow rich, these plaguy taxes upon stamps and paper, have obliged my high and mighty well-fed masters, the Company of Stationers, to advance the price, but, alas! Poor Robin is still as poor as ever.

In the Tale about *Dash*, in the Calendar, prose column, of my inimitable performance last year, I fell into a small mistake about the wife of *Dash*, and as it is the part of a great soul to own a mistake, I would not be out-done in that, though I cannot help being brow-beaten by the purse-proud. I supposed, that her estate was the jointure ty'd upon her by her first husband, but find upon enquiry that I was mistaken in that particular, the estate was her own, and inherited in her own right. So she kindly and lovingly took her own coachman to her first husband, *Dash*, to her second, and since his death the estate, being put to nurse, having nearly recovered itself, I am told that she had suddenly given her hand to *Billy Chip*, a common working wood lad. Think not that she considered matters, think not that she is a leveller by principle; no, she did all this because she thought the world, and as that is a woman's reason, we must, for ought I know, let it rest there.

And since she's chosen Billy Wood-lad,
Let's hope he'll prove to her a good-lad.
Rare Bill, he in his coach may ride,
And lay his axe and saw aside.

I must here give you a short and true account of the marvellously useful things you will meet with in this profound performance of mine for the present year. Besides the usual information of the month days, both by the New and Old Style, what day of the week every day of the month, happens upon, when Sunday comes, that you may rest from your labours, go to church, mind what the parson says, and take heed to practise it all the week after, eat your Sunday's dinner, and your dinners all the week after, if you can get them, mind your books, and say your prayers; that is, on Sundays read your Bibles, and Whole Duty of Man; and on other days when you have leisure, you may read my edifying *Poor Robins*, they are excellent preventatives against melancholy and mopishness, raise the spirits, fan the blood, and keep it from settling and bringing on listlessness and idleness, the bane of all thrift and plenty. And as they have such sovereign medicinal virtues, so useful both to the mind and body, you will surely think the money they cost not ill laid out, even were the price much higher than it is. And I do assure you, that they are better than Spilbury's drops, Maredant's drops, smelling drops, or any

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other drops that you can meet with, which, too often, only serve to make you drop sooner than you otherwise would into your graves; or, however, to make you sick. Whereas my books have quite a contrary effect, if they do not make you dance, they may at least make you laugh and sing, which are desirable effects, seldom I believe, produced by any patent medicines advertised in the news-papers.—I say, in addition to all this, you will find the names of all the Sundays in the year, feast days (those are rare days for those who have plenty to eat) fast days (those are sad days, full many of them in the year fall to the lot of Poor Robin,) birth days (fine days these for those that attend at Court, which is a place that our family do not frequent since the day, the fatal day, on which my great great grandfather sent his gold embroidered cloaths to the pawnbroker's.) Saint days, and others noted for remarkable occurrences: quarter days, which are fair days for landlords, and foul days for tenants, especially those who are behind hand with their rent: Michaelmas, Martinmas, Christmas, Candlemas, Lady-day, May-day, Midsummer, and Lammas, these alternately produce joy in some, and grief in others, and as they are eight in number, and come both by the new and old stile, they fill up sixteen places in my Almanack, and so save me the trouble of thinking about sixteen other things, which is a matter to me of some importance, who have so many other weighty affairs upon my hands, so little to say and so much to do. You have the Law Terms and Returns, which are things I put down, as they may unhappily be of use to some, though (I thank God) I never had the least business with them in all my life. Besides the time of the sun's ingress into the twelve signs, which may be of some little use for any thing I know to the contrary: the times of new and full moon and her quarters, things very useful to physicians, moon-struck madmen, and the keepers of Bedlam Hospital; the sun's declination, rising, setting, and how much before and after clocks that measure equal time, or go uniformly and truly, which will be very useful when such a true clock either is or ever shall be made: moon's rising or setting and moon's age. I say, besides all these momentous things, which you will be sure to mind now, you will find a poem, which I would advise you to let all your daughters read till they get it by heart, or if they please they may make a song of it. It will go well to the tune of the SOLDIER TIRED, in the opera of Artaxerxes, and they will the readier remember it, as it is intended for the use of all the young ladies in his Majesty's dominions.

This is leap-year, and it will be long enough before another comes, it will be eight years before another comes; so that the young lady who is now thirteen will not see another leap-year till she is one and twenty, a terrible long day and old age this, to stay for an husband! And as to the lady, who is already one and twenty, alas! what must become of her! Eight years is a sad long time! is it not, ladies? I would, however, kind customers, have you let your daughters learn this song of mine, without consulting the governesses or mistresses of boarding-schools; for these unconscionable dames think girls too young to be married at thirteen, as if it were ever too soon to do well: or, as if people were to ask them what they were to do with their children. Ask them too, the meanest of the menial train; they that get their bread by controlling the wills and pricking the fingers of the most beautiful part of the creation. They would wish, I will warrant you, to domineer over misses till they were eighteen

eighteen or nineteen, or, may be, till they were one and twenty. This can be nothing in the world then but their own selfishness, that they may get the more by them the longer they stay, and delight, as every young miss knows they do, to play the tyrant, not let them have their dear little innocent wills in any thing, no not so much as to send a Valentine with paper-heart and key, and initial letters of her name, to the dear youth she wishes to have for a sweet-heart. A great hardship this! and severely felt by the pretty misses of these kingdoms, called the realms of liberty: alas! dear injured name, if the young innocent panting daughters thereof, cannot have so much of it as this comes to. As says the poet

Freedom of choice is that which sweetens life,
Makes the glad husband, and the happy wife.

Now, as the boys have three years to chuse them sweethearts, and go a courting in, surely it can be no more than fair, that the girls should avail themselves of the advantages of the fourth. Leap-year at most comes but once in four years, and, as for time immemorial it has been known and reported, that the girls have a right established by long usage, and therefore a prescriptive right to it; and since it will be so long, as I have observed above, before another comes: and the war has made such terrible havock, that the land must want replenishing with a new progeny; and as I know my fair countrywomen to be sincere friends to their country, and the best and most patriotic members of the community, I have kindly given them my most serious advice, how to proceed at this important crisis: because the happiness of their whole lives hereafter may depend upon it: and I hope they will not all be wanting to themselves. I remember some years since to have read the following *query*,

Minerva's elected! I pray tell me true,

Were not men to woo women, what would women do?

And the next year appeared this answer to it by a lady.

Were the men not to woo us, you ask what we'd do?

Gods! I'll tell, tho' I blush red as rubies;

You should find we would woo, and better than you,

For we'd take no denial: ye boobies!

There's a girl of spirit for you! this is like business, a thing well done is twice done; this is not like standing shilly-shally, this girl was no demuree. Were all like her, sure we shortly should have a generation of heroes. --- But have written a whole page here, I see, upon this subject, besides filling up eleven columns in the Calendar with it. And indeed it is so very copious, that I hope my readers will pardon me. It must needs give great pleasure to all the pretty misses and masters in the kingdom, to find that they have such an able hand as Poor Robin to be their advocate and adviser, especially in these weighty matters, which they take more pains and thought about, than every thing in the world besides. But now I must pass to something else.

Besides all this, you have, and that in inimitable verse too, an account of some sorry saints and sad sinners. The catalogue might have been much more ample, such characters being far from rare; but having given you as many as my column would conveniently hold, you may make your best of them. I have not so far exhausted the subject yet, but you need not fear, there will be enough of them left for next year.

In the prose column of the Calendar you will find as usual, an account

of two stars, which again serves me as an introduction to any thing and every thing else contained therein, and many other things are therein contained. Besides some nonsense about astrology, astrologers, &c. you will find some sober sense about astronomy, that is, the science of the heavens, and the use we are to make of it. A subject you would little expect to meet with in Poor Robin's Almanack, I suppose. It is therefore a notorious *take-in*. That those, who take up the book for the sake of laughing and giggling, may find their attention arrested suddenly and unexpectedly for more important matters. Yet I hope they'll not have any just reason of complaint, though they be thus taken in, especially if they be well and wisely disposed. And they that are otherwise, I can tell in turn, that when I take up a sermon purporting to be preached by a minister of the gospel of peace and love, and find it to be a seditious harangue, tending to inflame animosity, to make people discontented with, and disaffected to the Government they live under; when I take up a newspaper for the sake of a little innocent amusement, and find in it the praises of that pitiful apostate from the christian religion, who, as he is the outcast of my country, I shall not deign to name; in these, and too many other similar cases, I find myself very disagreeably taken in indeed. If I happen to have retaliated upon any such as these, by the forementioned *take-in*, what I have to say is, that such retaliation of injuries is not forbidden, even by the meek genius of the christian religion itself.

Next follows something about apple pye, and a young nobleman, who, if he lives to have a few more years over his head, is likely to have an high opinion to be sure of his now advisers. The man who advises for a wife, declares to all the world that he is actuated by the following considerations of the poet.

In marriage are two happy things allow'd,
A wife in wedding sheets, and in a shroud,
How can a married state then be accurst,
When the last day's as happy as the first?

Then follows some account of the salubrious virtues of birch, when properly applied; with a word or two concerning flattery. All this, and more, you will find in part the first.

In part the second, besides the usual picture, which you are at full liberty to make your best of; besides a correct table of the moon's southing, and the times of high water for every day of the year, very useful to sea-faring people; you have a two-fold story about a fool and a nose, not about a fool's nose mind, though they too have noses (you will surely thank me for the information) nor yet about a parson's nose, though that these have good noses, I have the very respectable authority of *Dean Swift*, who, being treated by a lady with a good dinner, when it was over, address'd her in the following *extempore* lines:

Madam! ——— such dinners you give,
You'll never want parsons so long as you live;
There ne'er was a parson but had a good nose,
And the Devil's as welcome wherever he goes.

No, it is about a gentleman's nose; and the fool was none of those who attended to the following advice of one who was no fool,
Know when to speak, and silent when to sit,
Fools silent often pass for men of wit.

per year.

TABLE to calculate Wages.

	per Month.			per Week.				per Day.		
	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	f.	s.	d.	f.
1	0	1	8	0	0	4	2	0	0	3
2	0	3	4	0	0	9	1	0	1	1
3	0	5	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0
4	0	6	8	0	1	6	2	0	2	3
5	0	8	4	0	1	11	0	0	3	1
6	0	10	0	0	2	3	2	0	4	0
7	0	11	8	0	2	8	1	0	4	2
8	0	13	4	0	3	0	3	0	5	1
9	0	15	0	0	3	5	2	0	6	0
10	0	16	8	0	3	10	0	0	6	2
11	0	18	4	0	4	3	3	0	7	1
12	1	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	8	0
13	1	1	8	0	4	11	3	0	8	2
14	1	3	4	0	5	4	1	0	9	1
15	1	5	0	0	5	9	0	0	9	3
16	1	6	8	0	6	1	3	0	10	2
17	1	8	4	0	6	6	1	0	11	1
18	1	10	0	0	6	10	3	0	11	3
19	1	11	8	0	7	3	2	1	0	2
20	1	13	4	0	7	8	0	1	1	1
30	2	10	0	0	11	6	0	1	7	3
40	3	6	8	0	15	4	0	2	2	1
50	4	3	4	0	19	2	1	2	9	0
60	5	0	0	1	3	0	1	3	3	2
70	5	16	8	1	6	10	1	3	10	0
80	6	13	4	1	10	8	1	4	4	2
90	7	10	0	1	14	6	1	4	11	2
100	8	6	8	1	18	4	2	5	5	3

The months above are calculated at twelve in the year. If the yearly wages be guineas instead of pounds, for every guinea add one penny for each month, or one farthing to each week.

JANUARY hath xxxi Days.

M	D	Decl.	South
1	23	0	1
6	22	30	
21	21	48	
16	20	56	
21	19	54	
26	18	42	

Last Quarter	2	} Day at {	1 ho.	2 m.	Morn.	1	23 ⁰	1
New Moon	10		6	5	Morn.	6	22	30
First Quarter	17		5	27	Aft.	21	21	48
Full Moon	24		10	20	Morn.	16	20	56
Last Quarter	31		9	2	Aft.	21	19	54
☉ enters 25 th 20 th day, at 3 hours 38 m. Morning						26	18	42

1	21	E	Circumcision	
2	22	S		And now, mind Readers, never fear,
3	23	C	2 Sund. after Chas	Some weather will begin the year,
4	24	M		But whether it be foul or fine,
5	25	To	Old Christmas Day.	That is no business of mine ;
6	26	W	Epiphany	And why should I go plague my head,
7	27	Th		With what must mended be if said ?
8	28	F	Lucian	I'd rather snugly eat my bacon,
9	29	S		Than cry alas I was mistaken.
10	30	C	1 Sund. aft. Epiph.	Yet wind and rain, or frost and snow
11	31	M	Plow Monday	Are not unseasonable you know.
12	Jan. 1	Tu	O. Style Year begins.	I think 'twill not be very hot,
13	2	W	Hilary. Cam. T. b	Except within the porridge-pot,
14	3	Th	Oxford T. begins	As it hangs boiling o'er the fire
15	4	F		That blazes up nose-high, or higher,
16	5	S		Fill'd with good pudding, roots and
17	6	C	2 Sun. aft. Epiph.	meat,
18	7	M	Q. Char. birth d. k.	If I can get enough to eat,
19	8	Tu		Or snow, or blow, or rain, or fair,
20	9	W	Fabian. B & M.	For it I neither know nor care.
21	10	Th	Agnes	Prisca, Visg. and Martyr.
22	11	F	Vincent	This province leave I to Old Moore,
23	12	S	Hilary Term begins	In 8 days of St. Hil. 1 ret.
24	13	C	Septuagesima Sund.	To blunder on as heretofore :
25	14	M	Conv. of St. Paul.	Who pictures armies, battles, flagons,
26	15	To		With lions, unicorns, and dragons.
27	16	W	Fr. Aug. Fred. born	Which tho' he does, I would not flout
28	17	Th		them,
29	18	F		His book would never sell without
30	19	S	K. Charles I Mart.	them ;
31	20	C	Sexagesima Sund.	In 15 days of St. Hil. 2 ret.

And surely he's a right to try them,
if folks be fools enough to buy them.

Democracy triumphant. 1643

Observations in JANUARY.

				M	Clock
				D	bef. Sun*
Let January now appear, It is the first month in the year, And as it is of months the first, The weather often is the worst.				1	4' 0"
				6	6 17
				11	8 22
				16	10 13
				21	11 46
				26	13 0
M	☉	D	D		
D	rises & sets	ris. & se.	A.		
1	VIII	III	11 a 58	21	Begin we
2	4	56	morn.	22	now with
3	4	56	1 5	23	Bill Bill.
4	3	57	2 11	24	Who made
5	2	58	3 15	25	such work
6	1	59	4 20	26	with
7	VII	IV	5 22	27	Lowly X th .
8	0	0	6 25	28	Ah Bill!
9	59	1	7 19	29	thou'rt sure-
10	58	2	8 sets	N	ly a sad sin-
11	57	3	5 a 26	1	ner,
12	56	4	6 28	2	As ever
13	54	6	7 39	3	begg'd a Sun-
14	53	7	8 53	4	day dinner.
15	52	8	10 6	5	I thought
16	51	9	11 23	6	thou'dst been
17	50	10	morn.	7	thy fortune
18	48	12	0 39	8	carving,
19	47	13	1 58	9	Before thy
20	46	14	3 20	10	famous book
21	44	16	4 40	11	on starving.
22	43	17	5 53	12	Now starve
23	41	19	6 55	13	thou must
24	40	20	(rises	F	full well I
25	38	22	5 a 17	15	ween,
26	37	23	7 3	16	Because thy
27	35	25	8 18	17	appetite is
28	34	26	9 29	18	keen.
29	32	28	10 39	19	Thou there
30	31	29	11 47	20	fore must
31	29	31	morn.	21	both starve

Venus all this Spring will be an evening star, her greatest elongation from the sun will be on the 27th of May. She will continue to be an evening star till the 5th day of August, when she will arrive at her inferior conjunction at a quarter after four in the afternoon, and then become a morning star to the year's end.

Jupiter will be an evening star till the 8th day of February, when he will be in conjunction with the sun at 20 minutes past seven at night; afterwards he will be a morning star till the 30th day of August, when he will be in opposition to the sun at 10 at night, after that, he will again be an evening star to the end of the year.

So many lines, gentle readers. you have now got of sober sense, and good sense, and true sense; you will therefore I hope, not be so unconscionable as to desire more; but be contented to let me fill up the rest of this column with non-sense, in my own way, a way in which I and my predecessors in the walk of *Poor Robin*, have gone now 134 years, with your approbation. Which is long enough, one would think, to give us a prescriptive right to pen down our nonsense for your amusement, till the day arrives when nonsense shall please mankind and womenkind no more. And strangely, indeed, will the world

FEBRUARY hath xxix Days.

M	Decl.
D	South

New Moon	8	} Day {	11 ho.	0 m.	Night.
First Quarter	16		1	34	Morn.
Full Moon	22		11	2	Night.

1	17°	5'
6	15	36
11	14	0
16	12	18
21	10	32
26	8	42

☉ enters ♋ 18 day 8 ho. 23 min. Afternoon.

N.	O.	W.	Sundays and Holidays.	Poetry extraordinary for Posterity.
3.	5.	D.		
1	21	M		
2	22	Tu	Purification B.V.M.	or Candlemas Day.
3	23	W	Blas. On mor. of P.	This is Leap Year, when people say
4	24	Th	[3 ret.	If lads not court the lasses may,
5	25	F	Agatha	And sure they'll not forget,
6	26	S		But every damsel brown or fair
7	27	C	Quinquagesima Sun.	Will now strive sweethearts to ensnare,
8	28	M		or Shrove Sunday.
9	29	Tu	Shrove Tuesday	Like fishes in a net.
10	30	W	Ash Wednesday, or	In 8 days of Purif. 4 ret.
11	31	Th		1st Day of Lent.
12	Feb.	F	Hilary Term ends	Birds now chuse mates and sweetly
13	2	S	Old Candlemas Day	sing
14	3	C	1 Sunday in Lent	The buds and flow'rs proclaim that
15	4	M		Valentine. Cam. T. div. midn.
16	5	Tu		spring
17	6	W	Ember Week	Is drawing on apace;
18	7	Th		And now Sir Valentine arrives,
19	8	F		Ye maids who wish so to be wives,
20	9	S		Unveil each pretty face.
21	10	C	2 Sunday in Lent	With modesty and prudence join'd,
22	11	M		And comely graces of the mind,
23	12	Tu		Your charms who can withstand?
24	13	W	St. Mathias.	Lillies and roses mix'd so sweet,
25	14	Th		Shall lay submissive at your feet
26	15	F		The lords of every land.
27	16	S		Fr. Adolph. Fred born:
28	17	C	3 Sunday in Lent	The swain that's rough as any bear,
29	18	M		The clod that's dull as his plow share,
				Shall not themselves defend,
				But every spark and every beau,
				Tho' powder'd over white as snow
				Shall to your prowess bend.

5
36
0
18
32
42

Observations in FEBRUARY.

M Clocks
D bef. Sun.

Cold February now is here,
It come's in January's rear,
And now, whether you will or no,
'Tis time, my lads, to plow and sow.

1	14	0
6	14	29
11	14	38
16	14	27
21	13	58
26	13	13

D	© riles and sets	d riles and sets	A.	Sorry faints & sadfinners.	Prose very moral, choice and cheap.
1 VII	V	o m 53	22	Few men in-	then be altered ! When girls from
2 25	35	1 59	23	vite the hun-	15 to 35 leave off giggling, when
3 24	36	3 4	24	gry glutton,	wives from 13 to 90 leave off scold-
4 22	38	4 5	25	Who swal-	ing, when shopkeepers leave off
5 20	40	5 4	26	lows a whole	cheating, and making short weight
6 19	41	5 55	27	leg of mut-	and measure ; I may then, I think,
7 17	43	6 41	28	ton.	venture to leave off writing non-
8 15	45	D sets	N	Fewer on	sense, and betake myself to the
9 13	47	5 a 22	1	Sundays	good old trade of making beefoms
10 11	49	6 36	2	wish to treat	and brashes, but then, alas ! who
11 9	51	7 51	3	Him, who's	will buy them ; for the streets and
12 8	52	9 9	4	not had a	houses will then be without dirt, so
13 6	54	10 26	5	good meal's	that their will be nothing to sweep
14 4	56	11 43	6	meat,	with them, and when there is no
15 4	58	morn.	7	The whole	occasion for them, nobody will
16 VI	V	1 5	8	week thro'	buy them ; raretimes these will be
17 58	2 2	24 9	9	that went	for maids of all-work, when there
18 56	4 3	35 10	10	before,	is nothing to do !
19 54	6 4	41 11	11	Because he	<i>And when I cannot sell my ware,</i>
20 52	8 5	37 12	12	hungry is	<i>I surely live must on coarse fare.</i>
21 51	9 6	26 13	13	and poor.	However, it may be soon enough
22 49	11 C	rises F	14	Who'll open	for me to think of another trade
23 47	13 5	a 55 15	15	him a par-	when the time I have been de-
24 45	15 7	9 16	16	lour door ?	scribing comes. And I wish my
25 43	17 8	21 17	17	If they do	head may never ache till then.
26 41	19 9	30 18	18	once, they	When all men love good sense,
27 39	21 10	40 19	19	will no more.	tho' dull,
28 37	23 11	46 20	20		When none delight to play the
29 35	25	morn. 21	21		fool,
					When servants all are honest
					grown,
					And think their master's work their
					own ;
					When masters all forget to swear,
					And call their families to prayer ;

MARCH hath xxxi Days

M	Decl.
D	South

Last Quarter	1	} Day at {	6	ho.	10	m.	Night.	1	7°	11
New Moon	9		1		0		After.	6	5	18
First Quarter	16		8		48		Morn.	11	3	18
Full Moon	23		0		51		After.	16	1	19
Last Quarter	31		2		24		After.	21	No.	39
enters on 24th day at 2 ho. 4 m. Afternoon								26	2	36

enter 23rd day at 3 ho. 4 m. Afternoon

1	19	Tu	David		
2	20	W	Chad.		
3	21	Th			When wit and beauty take the field, The hardest heart they make to yield, And soften it like wax;
4	22	F			All strife you to withstand is vain,
5	23	S			Mid. Lent. S. A. O. St. Blas
6	24	S	Sunday in Lent		
7	25	M	Perpetua.		Ye make the heart of every swain Blaze round like fire-touch'd flax.
8	26	Tu			Then do not now complain and cry, And put the finger in the eye, Like puny senseless drones.
9	27	W			But at the men set up your caps, You few of them will find perhaps, Insensible as stones.
10	28	Th			He was not sure of woman born, Who can a modest woman scorn, Then heed no vain pretences;
11	29	F			For those who bid the fair defiance, A kin-are, or in near alliance
12	Mar.	S	Gregory M.		Camb. Term ends.
13	2	S	Sunday in Lent		With those who've lost their senses, Equal day and equal night.
14	3	M	Mer. is stationary.		I've seen these bragadocio dogs, These roaring bears and dirty hogs, That would your pow'r defy:
15	4	Tu			When you lay hold on such as these,
16	5	W			
17	6	Th	St. Patrick		
18	7	F	Ed. K. of W. S.		
19	8	S	Cxford Term ends		
20	9	S	S. in Lent. Palm S.		
21	10	M	Benedict		
22	11	Tu			
23	12	W	Passion Week		
24	13	Th			
25	14	F	Good Frid. Annun.		
26	15	S			
27	16	S	Easter Day		
28	17	M	Easter Monday		
29	18	Tu	Easter Tuesday		
30	19	W			
31	20	Th			

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A kin-are, or in near alliance

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With those who've lost their senses,
Equal day and equal night.

I've seen these bragadocio dogs,
These roaring bears and dirty hogs,
That would your pow'r defy:
When you lay hold on such as these,

of B. V. Mary, or Lady day.

Be sure you heartily them teaze,
And make them whine and cry.
As to the sots and drunken swine,
Who leave the fair to swill their wine,

Decl.
South.

OBSERVATIONS IN MARCH.

M | Clocks
D | bef. Sun.

And now comes in the month of March,
When scorching suns but seldom parch;
The earth now falls with show'rs of rain,
And covers well the new sown grain.

1	12	27
6	11	19
11	10	1
16	8	35
2	7	5
26	5	31

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d flax.

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1 VI	om 52	22	Especially	When mistresses forget to scold,
2 31	29 1	56 23	if he's the	When misers give away their
3 19	31 2	55 24	the trick,	gold;
4 27	33 3	50 25	When he is	What glorious days shall we be-
5 25	35 4	38 26	sed of giv-	hold!
6 23	37 5	17 27	ing kick.	When no more tailors cabbage love,
7 21	39 5	52 28	And this	Nor parsons simony approve.
8 19	41 6	19 29	full often is	Ah! these will be brave days;
9 17	43 6	sets N	the case,	but what is that to me, seeing I
10 15	45 6	a 55 1	Of parsons	have not the least hope of living to
11 13	47 8	16 2	with a	see such. And at what distance of
12 11	49 9	36 3	Every Face	time, or under what signs, confi-
13 9	51 10	56 4	In	gurations, aspects, phenomena,
14 7	53 10	56 5	Princed	constellations, planets, planetary
15 5	55 0	18 6	shop win-	hours, heroscopes, fiderial prowess,
16 3	57 1	35 7	dows seen,	mythic movements, stellated houses,
17 1	59 2	42 8	I have; a	dragon's head, dragon's tail, di-
18 V	VI 3	39 9	picture well	rect, retrograde, sol, luna, mer-
19 57	3 4	25 10	I ween,	cury, venus, terra. mars, jupiter,
20 55	5 5	1 11	And under-	siturn or georgii sidus, all this will
21 53	7 5	31 12	neath it	happen; as I myself don't happen
22 51	9 5	57 13	placed A.M.	to know any more than the man
23 49	11 6	rises F	Which let-	in the moon, I must refer you to
24 47	13 7	19 15	ters made me	those that do know. Think not,
25 45	15 8	30 16	cry out,	however, that I mean to refer you
26 43	17 9	39 17	hem!	to those sapient sages, who write
27 41	19 10	46 18	A broken	Moore's, Season's, or Wing's Al-
28 39	21 11	51 19	butcher	manacks, for I would not wish you
29 37	23 11	morn. 20	dubb'd A.M.	to buy any other Almanack but
30 36	24 0	54 21	Master of	mine, and they know no more of
31 34	26 1	51 22	arts mean	the matter than I do. And I
			they? O no,	know no more than the child un-
			That title	born, that there is any sound wis-
			misbecomes	dom in the language of asses, other-
			him so,	wise called, or vulgarly called, or
				commonly called astrology. I know
				that astrology means the language
				of the stars, but I know of no

APRIL hath XIX Days.

M	D	Decl.	North
1	4°	56	
6	6	5	
11	8	4	
16	10	20	
21	12	12	
26	13	5	

New Moon	8	} Day {	0 ho.	3 m	Morn.	1	4 ^o	56
First Quarter	14		4	2	After.	6	6	5
Full Moon	22		3	28	Morn.	11	8	4
Last Quarter	30		7	51	Morn.	16	10	20
☉ enters 8 19th day, 9 h. 51 min. Morning.						21	12	12
						26	13	5

1	21	F						
2	22	S						
3	23	B	1 Sun. aft. Easter			Lowland. Rich. Bp. Chichester		
4	24	M	St. Ambrose					
5	25	Tu	Old Lady-Day.			And Twear they will be free,		
6	26	W	Oxf. & Cam. T. be.			You early may make these tools,		
7	27	Th				Ridiculous as April Fools,		
8	28	F				Or monkies in a tree.		
9	29	S				For he that leaves the virtuous fair,		
10	30	B	2 Sun. aft. Easter			With sots at midnight to repair		
11	31	M	Easter 1 ret.			To taverns, or the stews,		
12	Apr. 1	Tu				For racking pain exchanges health,		
13	2	W	Easter Term begins			And wasting all his worldly wealth,		
14	3	Th				A prison ends his views.		
15	4	F				The Jemmy Smart, who idolizes		
16	5	S				His own dear self and only prizes		
17	6	B	3 Sun. aft. Easter			His phiz new shav'd and shorn;		
18	7	M	Easter 2 ret.			As he no love has left for you,		
19	8	Tu	Alphege			He will not for a husband do,		
20	9	W				Make him a shoeing horn.		
21	10	Th				A shoeing-horn's a proper name,		
22	11	F				For dangles and for monkies tame,		
23	12	S	St. George			Who when you're out of fort,		
24	13	B	4 Sun. aft. Easter			For those whom you can like and love,		
25	14	M	St. Mark. Pros. Ma. b.			To quicken such may useful prove,		
26	15	Tu				And serve to make you sport		
27	16	W				But as I cannot stay to show,		
28	17	Th				If more of this you want to know,		
29	18	F				From Easter in 1 month 3 ret.		
30	19	S				Tho' such things are not rare,		
						You may in the <i>Spectator</i> look,		
						If you by chance, have got the book,		
						Enough you may find there.		

Observations in APRIL.

'Tis April boys, and it is spring,
The pretty birds both build and sing;
Yet sometimes comes a wintry blast,
And will do till this month be past.

M	D	Clocks
		bef. Sun.
1	3	40
6	2	11
11	0	48
16	Af.	27
21	1	34
26	2	30

V	VI	2	m	40	23
230	30	3	23	24	
328	32	3	58	25	
406	34	4	29	26	
524	36	4	54	27	
622	38	5	17	28	
720	40	D	seis	29	
818	42	7	a	21	N
916	44	8	46	1	
1014	46	10	10	2	
1112	48	11	32	3	
1210	50	morn.		4	
138	52	0	44	5	
146	54	1	40	6	
155	56	2	35	7	
163	57	3	14	8	
1714	VII	3	43	9	
1859	1	4	9	10	
1957	3	4	30	11	
2055	5	4	49	12	
2153	7	5	7	13	
2251	9	C	rises	F	
2350	10	8	a	40	15
2448	12	9	47	16	
2546	14	10	51	17	
2644	16	11	49	18	
2742	18	morn.		19	
2840	20	0	43	20	
2939	21	1	28	21	
3037	23	2	5	22	

With that
he's surely
nought to
do:
The mean-
ing I can
hardly scan,
Mean they
A Monkey,
or A Man?
Accepted
Mason, they
may stand
for,
A Mouse ri-
diculous be-
plann'd for,
A Mare,
A Mole,
A Mite,
A Mank,
A Metho-
dist,
A Mounte-
bank,
A Moor,
A Mallet,
or A Map,
A Moon-
struck Mule,
or A Mouse-
trap;

other language that they have, be-
sides that mentioned by the in-
spired writers. The heavens de-
clare the glory of God, and the
firmament (or expanse) sheweth his
bandy work. Meaning that the
Creation shews the glory and power
of the great omnipotent all-wise
Creator. And for man to pretend
to know more of this than is re-
vealed, is, as the late Mr. Mar-
tin said, a diabolical jargon, teach-
ing evil-doers, when they meet the
just reward of their deeds, to lay
the blame upon the stars. But as
the old lame knight, who many
years wrote this delectable serio-co-
mical performance called *Poor
Robin*, and laid his bones to rest in
the year 1780, used to say, I won-
der which of these stars ever let
down a rope, to hang these poor
wretched culprits, who wish to lay
the blame upon them.

How it could enter into the vain
imagination of men, that the stars
were to rule their fortunes and af-
fairs, is very strange. They were
doubtless made for far other pur-
poses. Those glorious orbs that ap-
pear to us to bespangle the heavens,
may doubtless become the serious
subject of our contemplation, and
the more we know and think of
them, the more are we lost in asto-
nishment. A pleasant thing it is,
as the wise man says, for the eyes
to behold the sun: but when we

MAY hath xxxi Days

M	D	Decl. North.
1	15 ²	23 ¹
6	16	49
11	18	8
16	19	20
21	20	23
26	21	18

New Moon	7	} Day {	8 ho.	45 m.	Morn.
First Quarter	14		0	2	Morn.
Full Moon	21		6	43	After.
Last Quarter	29		9	36	After.

● enters 11 20 day, 9 ho. 54 min. Morning.

1	20	B	5 Sun. aft. Baker.	Regation Sun. St. Phil. & St. J.
2	21	M	Easter 4 ret.	
3	22	Tu	Invention of the cr.	
4	23	W		If avarice with your love you mix,
5	24	Th	Ascen. d. Holy Th.	And nothing but a coach and six
6	25	F	St. John Evan. ante	Can keep you from the vapours:
7	26	S		Port Lat. On Mor Af. 5 ret.
8	27	B	5 Sun. aft. Ascension d	(A coach and six, I hear you say,
9	28	M	Easter Term ends	That welcome is as flow'rs in May,
10	29	Tu		Makes all our hearts cut capers,)
11	30	W		Beware; tho' in it's proper place,
12	May	Th	Oxford Term ends	'Tis a conveniency and grace,
13	2	F		To those of rank and station,
14	3	S		These things are not so very common
15	4	B	Whit Sunday	That every fine accomplish'd woman
16	5	M	Whit Mon y	May have one through the nation.
17	6	Tu	Whit Tuesday	And they that have these gilded carts,
18	7	W	Ember Week	And fill them, oft have aching hearts,
19	8	Th	Q. Cha. born, 1744	Vexation, sickness, pain,
20	9	F	[Dunst.	Envy, and strife, that make them
21	10	S		know,
22	11	B	Trinity Sunday	The hopes of blis in outward show
23	12	M	On mor. of H. 1 ret.	Alone are very vain.
24	13	Tu		Quiet contentment if you prize,
25	14	W	Oxford Term. beg.	In middle rank this mostly lies,
26	15	Th	Augustin 1st A. Bp.	R. M. by Cm. T. div. midn.
27	16	F	Venerable Bede.	And flourishes at home.
28	17	S		But those who never easy are,
29	18	B	1 Sunday aft. Tris.	At home, shall find, in search of care,
30	19	M	In 8d of H. Trin. 2r.	of Canterbury. Corpus Christ.
31	20	T		Trinity Term begins.
				And misery they roam.
				K. Charles II. reformed 1660.

Observations in MAY.

M	D	Clock	aft. ☉
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Now comes the merry month of May,
Dressed in a flow'ry garment gay,
The cuckow, nightingale, and thrush,
Now sing on many a tree and bush;
And are as welcome, as we say,
As flow'rs and show'rs that fall in May.

1	3	12	
6	3	41	
12	3	56	
16	3	56	
21	3	43	
26	3	17	

1	V	VII	2	m	7	23	Distinctions	mount on wings of contemplation,
2	34	26	3	3	24	24	nice I can't	and consider the sun as the foun-
3	32	28	3	25	25	25	divine,	tain of light and heat, which have
4	30	30	3	47	26	26	No doubt	such wonderful effects upon this
5	28	32	4	8	27	27	but they	earth, causing the sea and air to
6	27	33	4	30	28	28	mean some-	yield rain, which they also put in
7	25	35	D	fets.	N	28	thing fine.	motion through tubes so fine as to
8	23	37	9	a	14	1	The picture	be imperceptible to our eyes, and
9	22	38	10	33	2	2	represents a	of various forms, textures, prop-
10	20	40	11	41	3	3	fellow,	erties, and virtues, unnumbered,
11	19	41	morn.		4	4	That looks	and innumerable, forming trees,
12	17	43	0	38	5	5	as if with	shrubs, plants, and flowers of
13	16	44	1	21	6	6	wine half	every imaginable tinge and beauty.
14	14	46	1	53	7	7	mellow,	And this vegetable part of the
15	13	47	2	19	8	8	That since	creation, how subservient, useful,
16	11	49	2	40	9	9	has us'd the	necessary to the animal part; and
17	10	50	2	59	10	10	saucy prate,	the whole chain'd together for uni-
18	8	52	3	17	11	11	He learnt in	versal benefit; surely, this our
19	7	53	3	35	12	12	dirty	contemplation becomes like a voice
20	6	54	3	54	13	13	Barkergate,	ordering us to adore Him, who
21	4	56	C	rises	F	14	Or when he	made all these things and saw that
22	3	57	8	a	44	15	took his	they were good. If we consider the
23	2	59	9	44	16	16	nightly	vast magnitude of the sun, and his
24	III	VIII	10	39	17	17	rambles,	force to hinder the planets and
25	59	1	11	26	18	18	With bullies	comets from flying off in right
26	58	2	morn		19	19	down the old	lines, and obliging them to per-
27	57	3	0	6	20	20	dark cham-	form their stated revolutions round
28	56	4	0	40	21	21	bles,	himself. Mercury, the nearest of
29	55	5	1	6	22	22	Where many	them, is at a distance vast indeed
30	54	6	1	28	23	23	an oath, and	to our comprehension, and if we
31	53	7	1	50	24	24	many a	proceed to think on Venus, the
							curse,	Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and
							Resoundlike	the Georgian Planet, the distance
							Billingsgate,	and time of revolution become
							or worse.	greater and greater; and for any
								thing we know, there may be other
								planets still farther off, till the
								distance becomes so great, as to

JUNE hath xxx Days.

M	Dec.
D	North.

New Moon	5	} Day {	4 ho.	5 m.	Aft.	1	22° 12'
First Quarter	12		9	33	Morn.	6	22 46
Full Moon	20		10	12	Morn.	11	23 10
Last Quarter	28		7	45	Morn.	16	23 24

☉ enters 20th day, 6 ho. 36 min. Afternoon.

21	23 27
26	23 21

1	21	W	Nicomede.	
2	22	Th		
3	23	F		
4	24	S	K. Geo. III. b. 1738	Fate's thread runs thro' a needle's eye,
5	25	B	3 Sun. aft. Tri. Pr.	Ern. Aug. bo. Boniface.
6	26	M	Trin. 3 ret.	And if your needle well you ply, Who knows but you may find When sedulous you sew and sing, Without design, but it may bring A husband to your mind.
7	27	Tu		'Tis not the dresty and the proud,
8	28	W		Nor those full wont to laugh aloud
9	29	Th		As giddy folly drives,
10	30	F		Or those who roll the wanton eye,
11	31	S	St. Barnabas	Or fetch the fame puny figh, That wife men chuse for wives.
12	June 1	B	3 Sun. aft. Trin.	Nor those delighting much to be Surrounded by smooth flattery, Bafe cloak of foul design.
13	2	M	Trin. 4 ret.	We'll place those too in folly's row Who wish too eagerly to know If others think them fine.
14	3	Tu		
15	4	W	Trinity T. ends	
16	5	Th		
17	6	F	St. Alban	
18	7	S		
19	8	B	4 Sun. after Trin.	
20	9	M	Trans. Ed. K. W. S.	Longest Day.
21	10	Tu		She who is overfond of praise Will turn herself a thousand ways And not be satisfy'd;
22	11	W		Yet certain she may be of this, It surely is the way to miss Her aim on every side.
23	12	Th	5 Rationary	Others opinions to command, The greatest lord that e'er had land Had never yet the pow'r,
24	13	F	St. John B. Midlan.	
25	14	S		
26	15	B	5 Sun. aft. Trin.	
27	16	M		
28	17	Tu		
29	18	W	St. Peter	
30	19	Th		

Observations in JUNE.

M	Clock
D	aft. Sun.

Now smiling June comes dress'd in green and gold,
Meadows and pastures beauteous we behold,
But to forwarn us of our own decay,
She holds a scythe to cut the grass away.

1	29
6	38
11	40
16	22
21	26
26	29

1	III	VIII	2m	10	25	No wonder	mock our power of computation.
2	51	9	2	31	26	such a high	And that beyond all these there
3	50	10	2	52	27	bred Will,	are the fixed stars, the nearest of
4	49	11	3	19	28	Should over	which is at such a distance, that
5	49	11	D	sets	N	match poor	the whole <i>magnus orbis</i> , or path de-
6	48	12	9	a	20	lowly Hill.	scribed by the Earth about the Sun
7	47	13	10	23	1	For he, if	is as nothing to it. So that at that
8	47	13	11	13	2	truth I	distance, the Earth would appear
9	46	14	11	52	3	rightly scan,	as a part of the sun. How vast
10	46	14	morn		4	Was born	must be the magnitude and bright-
11	45	15	0	19	5	and bred a	ness then of these fixed stars to be
12	45	15	0	43	6	gentleman.	seen here at all! 'Tis comparative-
13	44	16	1	5	7	And took to	ly few of them that can be seen with
14	44	16	1	21	8	preaching in	out glasses, and the greater power
15	44	16	1	39	9	the fields,	these have of magnifying, th-
16	43	17	1	56	10	Because	more of these immense bodies are
17	43	17	2	17	11	much more	discovered, not only of different
18	43	17	2	40	12	eclat it	brightness, but of different colours,
19	43	17	3	8	13	yields.	which seems to shew that even
20	43	17	(rises.	14	And But-	light itself is various in its nature,
21	43	17	9	a	15	cher Bill	and has a vast variety of species.
22	43	17	10	2	16	has for his	When, I say, contemplating from
23	43	17	10	37	17	part,	the great system of the sun, to
24	43	17	11	6	18	With male-	others at distances to us unmea-
25	43	17	11	29	19	factors in the	sureable and nearly inconceivable,
26	44	16	11	50	20	cart,	we are carried to infinity, or if I
27	44	16	n.	orn	21	Both sung	may so say, infinitely infinite in
28	44	16	0	9	22	and pray'd,	distance, nature, number, till the
29	45	15	0	28	23	and made a	mind is lost in thought, and eja-
30	45	15	0	50	24	fufs,	culates, Lord! how manifold are
					25	To make	thy works, in wisdom hast thou
						him self	made them all. The proper use of
						conspicuous.	our contemplating the wonders of
							the creation, is, that we give
							glory to the Creator: To fill us
							with awful wonder of his wisdom
							and majesty; to make us see our
							own littleness, and to hide pride

JULY hath xxxi Days.

M	Decl.
D	North.
1	23 ⁸ 4
6	22 37
16	22 0
21	21 14
26	20 19
	19 15

New Moon	4	} Day {	11 ho.	1 m.	A.t.
First Quarter	11		9	23	Aft.
Full Moon	20		1	17	Morn.
Last Quarter	27		3	18	Aft.

☉ enters ♋ 22d day, 5 ho. 30 min. Morn.

1	20	F		
2	21	S	Visita. B. V. Mary	
3	22	B	6 Sun. aft. Trin.	Dog Days begin in Britain.
4	23	M	Tran. of St. Martin	
5	24	Tu	Cambridge Comm.	Old Midsummer Day.
6	25	W		Opinion is a stubborn jade,
7	26	Th	Remember, O ye	proud, Thomas a Becket
8	27	F	Cambridge Term e.	Cannot by force be constant made,
9	28	S		No not a single hour.
10	29	B	7 Sun. after Trin.	As well you may attempt to bind
11	30	M	Oxford A.A.	To constancy the wavering wind.
12	July	Tu		How simple then it is,
13	1	W		To curious be and make a fuss
14	2	Th		To know what others think of us,
15	3	F	Swithin. B. Tr.	For they oft judge amiss.
16	4	S	Oxf. Term ends	And they who place their happiness
17	5	B	8 Sun. aft. Trin.	In gilded toys and gaudy dres
18	6	M		Still build upon the sand.
19	7	Tu		The day distress'd of adverse fate
20	8	W	Margaret	Which all may meet with, soon or late
21	9	Th		And make them understand,
22	10	F	Magdalen	May teach them that distressing
23	11	S		spoues,
24	12	B	9 Sun. after Trin.	To gild and built them splendid
25	13	M	St. James	houses,
26	14	Tu	St. Anne	Fit for the higher ranks,
27	15	W		Is quite as much a childish folly,
28	16	Th		As placing wooden baby dolly
29	17	F		In a new house of planks.
30	18	S		A house with truth it should be said,
31	19	B	10 Sun. aft. Trin.	For its inhabitants was made,
	20			As for the snail its' shell,
				Yet houses shining, splendid, vain,
				That owners ruin'd oft contain
				We all know but too well.

Decl.
North.

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14
19
15

Observations in JULY.

M	Clocks
D	bef. ☉

I've done with June, and now July
Comes plaguing me to sing.—Not I,
For really July you're so hot,
That sing your praises I will not.

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6	4 23
11	5 7
16	5 39
21	5 58
26	6 4

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III		VIII		im 13		26		So as there		from man. Can a man while he	
2	46	14	1	42	27	are more	fools than	he,	I'll place	him in good	company.
3	47	13	2	17	28	And now to	Kate Mus-	cow	will pass,	Whom	Dr. Scroollet
4	48	12	3	56	1	called an ass.	As asses are	both he's	and she's,	Call her a	Ske-Ais
5	48	12	8	a 56	1	if you please.	Poor Charles	she so be-	daubed with	vice,	It was like
6	49	11	9	41	2	murdering	him twice.	Of history	her partial	page	Must her
7	50	10	10	16	3	disgrace	thro' every	age.	Alas! how	party's jaun-	die'd eyes,
8	50	10	10	41	4						
9	51	9	11	3	5						
10	52	8	11	23	6						
11	53	7	11	40	7						
12	54	6	11	58	8						
13	55	5	morn	9	9						
14	56	4	0	17	10						
15	57	3	0	40	11						
16	58	2	1	6	12						
17	IV	VII	1	37	13						
18	1	59	2	17	14						
19	2	58	3	7	15						
20	3	57	(rises	6	17						
21	5	55	9	a 6	17						
22	6	54	9	3	18						
23	7	53	9	52	19						
24	9	51	10	13	20						
25	10	50	10	30	21						
26	11	49	10	53	22						
27	13	47	11	14	23						
28	14	46	11	39	24						
29	16	44	morn.	25	25						
30	17	43	0	9	26						
31	18	42	0	51	27						

August hath xxxi Days.

M
D☉. Dec.
North.

New Moon	3	} Day at {	6 ho.	34 m.	Morn.	1	17°	48,
First Quarter	10		0	9	Aft.	6	16	28
Full Moon	18		3	23	Aft.	11	15	1
Last Quarter	25		9	30	Aft.	16	13	28
☉ enters ♍ 22d day, at 11 h. 56 min Morning.								
						21	11	49
						26	10	6

1	21	M	Lammas day	
2	22	Tu		If these things serious make you sad,
3	23	W		Yet I can tell you I am glad,
4	24	Th		I finish'd have July.
5	25	F		So if to smile you don't think fit,
6	26	S	Trans. of our Lord	In doleful dumps then you may sit,
7	27	B	11 Sun. aft. Trin.	Name of Jesus. Pres. Am. b.
8	28	M		All August: what care I?
9	29	Tu		'Tis not my business to teaze,
10	30	W	St. Lawrence	I know I always wish to please,
11	31	Th	Pres. of Brunf. b.	Dog days end.
12	Aug.	F	Pr. of Wales b. 1762	Old Lammas day.
13	2	S		Or to instruct in season.
14	3	B	12 Sun. aft. Trin.	If in a pet you cry out, that
15	4	M	Assumption	You wonder what I am driving at,
16	5	Tu	D. of York b 1763	I now will give my reason:
17	6	W		I therefore make this mighty bother
18	7	Th		About leap-year because another
19	8	F		In haste will not be here,
20	9	S		For the year eighteen hundred, tho'
21	10	B	13 Sun. aft. Trin.	You may not now this mystery know,
22	11	M		Duke of Clarence born 1765.
23	12	Tu		Will prove a common year.
24	13	W	St. Bartholomew	Take then the good advice I give
25	14	Th		You'll be much older if you live,
26	15	F		How dangerous is delay!
27	16	S	Venus stationary	For if you should let slip the time
28	17	B	14 Sun. aft. Trin.	Of matching till you're past your
29	18	M	St. John Bapt. beh.	prime,
30	19	Tu		Augustine
31	20	W		Repent too late you may.
				'Twill eighteen hundred be and four
				Before another comes, therefore
				I pray make much of this;

Observations in August.

M	D	Clock.
		bef. ☉

The busy month of August comes in next
When idle folks have busy ones oft vex,
They think it hard upon them, as they say,
That these same idle folks who kiss and play,
Gain more than them a whole grey groat a day.

1	5	51 ^u
6	5	24
11	4	42
16	3	16
21	2	37
26	1	47

IV	VII	Im 46	28	Can honesty	very cleanly and modest, that I
2 22	38	2 52	29	and truth	would not willingly bedirty my book
3 24	36	sets N		disguise.	myself, you may, perhaps, spare
4 25	35	8 a 39	1	Oyster Nan.	me the trouble, and hereafter do
5 27	33	9 4	2	Fiddling	that for me. It is your own, kind
6 28	32	9 25	3	Fan.	customers, when you have paid for
7 30	30	9 44	4	Next comes	it, and I will kindly give you leave
8 32	28	10 2	5	in	to make what use of it you please.
9 34	26	10 21	6	Alexander	But, moreover, as to transitions,
10 35	25	10 43	7	Great	they are things highly useful and
11 37	23	11 8	8	At getting	necessary to all authors, upon all
12 39	21	11 38	9	drunk	manner of subjects: nay, they are
13 41	19	morn.	10	early and	of sovereign medicinal use to all
14 42	18	0 16	11	late,	readers, to prevent drowsiness,
15 44	16	1 1	12	He got as	quicken attention, and raise expect-
16 46	14	1 57	13	drunk as any	tation. Always to dwell upon one
17 48	12	2 57	14	swine,	thing would be a long story indeed.
18 50	10	3 rises F	15	Then said	And as the transition from a
19 51	9	8 1	16	his lineage	foolish 'squire, to an unwise lord,
20 53	7	8 21	17	was divine,	is very short, natural, smooth, and
21 55	5	8 41	18	And order'd	easy, which are the exquisite beau-
22 57	3	9 21	19	honours to	ties of fine writing, I mean here
23 59	1	9 23	20	be paid,	to amuse you with my learned re-
24 V	1	9 45	21	Due of the	marks and commentaries upon a
25 2	58	10 15	22	gods to his	most curious advertisement, which
26 4	56	10 51	23	fool's head.	last spring, that is in the spring of
27 6	54	11 39	24	Ran like a	the year 1795, appeared in the
28 8	52	morn.	25	madman	public papers, that is to say, in the
29 10	50	0 38	26	thro' the	common newspapers, much, to be
30 12	48	1 48	27	world,	sure to the edification and pleasure
31 14	46	3 8	28	And ruin	of their readers, especially such of
				and destruc-	them as were parents and guardians
				tion hurld;	of young ladies; and much to the
				He took	profit of the newspaper publishers,
				from	if they got paid for it. And these
				The	publishers of newspapers, if they
				a cup,	can but get paid, I will do them
					the justice to say, care for little

SEPTEMBER hath xxx Days.

M	Decl.
D	North.

New Moon	1	} Day at	{	3	ho. 37 m.	Aft.	1	7°	57
First Quarter	9			5	52	Morn.	6	6	6
Full Moon	17			4	14	Morn.	11	4	12
Last Quarter	24			3	30	Morn.	16	2	17
☉ enters ♈ 22d day, at 8 ho. 29 m. Morning.									
							21	0	20
							26	1 S.	37

1	21	Th	Giles	
2	22	F	Lond. burnt 1666.	
3	23	S	[O. S.	
4	24	B	15 Sun. aft. Trin.	For you will eight years older be, Ere you another leap year see, So don't good husbands miss.
5	25	M		Girls from thirteen to five and twenty,
6	26	Tu		All ye who now have sweethearts plenty,
7	27	W	Enurchus	Strike now, for now's the time,
8	28	Th	N. of B. V. Mary	And don't stand shilly-shally when
9	29	F		You may have choice of gentlemen,
10	30	S		Till you are past your prime.
11	31	B	16 Sun. aft. Trin.	She who lets' go the present day
12	Sep. 1	M		In vain cough for a husband may
13	2	Tu		When days and years are gone,
14	3	W	Holy Cross	If you say no, another may
15	4	Th		Be wise enough to answer yea,
16	5	F		This often has been done.
17	6	S	Lambert	Then you'll repent when 'tis too late
18	7	B	17 Sun. aft. Trin.	Or lay the blame on adverse fate
19	8	M		And bite your nails and hair.
20	9	Tu		So if you be to love inclin'd,
21	10	W	St. Matthew Em. W.	And a man offers to your mind,
22	11	Th	K Geo. III. cr.	Wed, wed this very year.
23	12	F		It will be gone now in a trice
24	13	S		Of months, so follow my advice;
25	14	B	18 Sun. aft. Trin.	For now indeed I'm sober
26	15	M	St. Cyprian	If you have let September fly
27	16	Tu		Without an husband, then I say,
28	17	W		Mind better in October.
29	18	Th	St. Michael. Prs.	Royal born 1766.
30	19	F	St. Jerome	

Observations in SEPTEMBER.

M	Clock
D	aft. Sun
1	0 ^h 29 ^m
6	2 7
11	3 49
16	5 34
21	7 19
26	9 1

And now September comes, when hops
Come down together with their props,
And gather'd are into the bing,
While ragamuffins laugh and sing.

I	V	VI	D	fets.	N	Held a full	else, or what good or harm they
2	18	42	7	34	1	quart, and	may do, it they can but fill their
3	20	40	7	53	2	drank it up.	pockets.
4	22	38	8	12	3	But drinking	For money is so great a charm,
5	23	37	8	32	4	groan'd so at	The cold and hungry it can warm,
6	25	35	8	52	5	the heart,	From sea and air can draw the
7	27	33	9	15	6	As if he'd	fishes,
8	29	31	9	44	7	struck been	And birds to grace the silver dishes,
9	31	29	10	19	8	with death's	Nay, and with too much truth 'tis
10	33	27	10	59	9	dart.	said,
11	35	25	11	51	10	And really	It from the grave can draw the
12	37	23	11	51	10	was so as	dead.
13	39	21	0	51	12	'tis said,	But without more preamble, the
14	41	19	1	58	13	For quickly	advertisement is as follows :
15	43	17	3	8	14	after he was	LADIES,
16	45	15	4	22	15	dead.	A YOUNG NOBLEMAN, who,
17	47	13	4	22	15	So earthly	through his relations' avarice, is
18	49	11	7	14	17	glory fades	kept in a condition beneath his
19	51	9	7	35	18	away,	rank, would be glad to render
20	53	7	7	58	19	Tyrant	himself independent of them, by
21	55	5	8	24	20	are play-	MARRYING a LADY of FOR-
22	57	3	8	59	21	things of a	TUNE.
23	VI	V	9	43	22	day.	Any such who will answer this
24	1	59	10	39	23	And those	advertisement, or depute a proper
25	3	57	11	45	24	who think	person to answer it, shall be con-
26	4	56	11	45	24	they're most	vinced of the reality of it.
27	6	54	1	0	26	secure,	Address a line to Mr. G. No. 1,
28	8	52	2	20	27	We see oft	Suffolk-street, Charing-cross, Lon-
29	10	50	3	38	28	shorter time	don; which will be directly and
30	12	48	4	56	29	endure.	safely delivered to him.
						Learn hence	Before the name of any appli-
						ye vain and	cant will be required, reference (if
						young and	desired) will be given to a person of
						strong,	unquestionable credit, as to the ve-
						Life may be	racity of this address.
						short, but	This is taken, verbatim, from a
						never long.	public newspaper, which is all that
							I know about it. Whether there

OCTOBER hath xxxi Days.

M	Decl.
D	South

New Moon	1	} Day at	2 ho.	59 m.	Morn.	1	3 ^o 34'
First Quarter	9		1	35	Morn.	6	5 30
Full Moon	16		4	4	Aft.	11	7 24
Last Quarter	23		10	22	Morn.	16	9 16
New Moon	30		5	18	Aft.	21	11 4

☉ enters ♍ 22d day, at 4 ho. 28 min. Aftern.

1	20	S	Remigius	
2	21	B	19 Sun. aft. Trin.	Old St. Matthew
3	22	M		
4	23	Tu		Longer to suffer the dear youth,
5	24	W		Whose aim is constancy and truth,
6	25	Th		And no ways your inferior,
7	26	F		With slighted passion still to burn,
8	27	S		You may in vain sigh in your turn,
9	28	B	20 Sund. aft. Trin.	For those of rank superior.
10	29	M	Oxf. & Cam. Te. b.	St. Denys
11	30	Tu		1/2 Stationary. Old Mich. day
12	Oct.	W		Content is better far than wealth,
13	1	Th	Tr. of K. Edw. Co.	And what is grandeur without health?
14	2	F		And without peace, what's life?
15	3	S		The pair who've competence and love,
16	4	B	21 Sun. aft. Trin.	And health, most likely are to prove
17	5	M	Etheldreda Virg.	The happy man and wife.
18	6	Tu	St. Luke	Then, fair ones, when you find the
19	7	W		man
20	8	Th		Industrious, frugal, wise, who can
21	9	F		A competence command,
22	10	S		Alike in age and bent of mind,
23	11	B	22 Sun. aft. Trin.	Alike to love and truth inclin'd,
24	12	M		Refuse him not your hand.
25	13	To	K. Geo. III. Acces.	Perhaps you'll say, that this advice
26	14	W	K. G. III. pr. 176	Is needless, you are not so nice
27	15	Th		To such a one refuse,
28	16	F	St. Simon & St. J.	Crispin. Mart.
29	17	S		But that, alas! I have forgot,
30	18	B	23 Sun. aft. Trin.	It commonly is woman's dot,
31	19	M		To chosen be, not chuse,
	20			24 Stationary.

Observations in OCTOBER

M	Clock
D	aft. Sun.

October comes, and lo! the leaves and flowers,
That grac'd the vernal and the summer bowers
Are gone. We house the fruit each orchard yields,
And rare potatoes gather from the fields.

1	10' 38
6	12 7
11	13 26
16	14 32
21	15 24
26	15 59

VI	V	sets	N	For wicked-	be really such nobleman, or, whe-
1	VI			ness	ther it be a trick of some demo-
2	16	44	6 a 42	1	cratic leveller, to make the nobi-
3	18	42	7 2	2	lity look little and ridiculous, is
4	20	40	7 26	3	now I say, Can equal
5	22	38	7 51	4	England in
6	24	36	8 23	5	this day,
7	26	34	9 1	6	Cromwell
8	28	32	9 48	7	and
9	30	30	10 44	8	Robespierre
10	32	28	11 48	9	have run,
11	34	26	morn	10	Their evil
12	36	24	0 55	11	day, be-
13	38	22	2 8	12	neath the
14	40	20	3 23	13	fun,
15	42	18	4 39	14	Yet Crom-
16	44	16	5 16	15	well was a
17	45	15	6 a 8	16	child I hear,
18	47	13	6 33	17	In wicked-
19	49	11	7 6	18	ness to Ro-
20	51	9	7 47	19	bespierre.
21	53	7	8 37	20	Both were
22	55	5	9 42	21	the tyrants
23	57	3	10 55	22	of the hour,
24	VII	IV	morn	23	And both
25	1	59	0 11	24	alike abus'd
26	3	57	1 30	25	their power.
27	4	56	2 48	26	But the
28	6	54	4 3	27	French ty-
29	8	52	5 16	28	rant shed of
30	10	50	6 30	29	blood
31	12	48	D sets	30	Of inno-
				31	cents the
					greatest
					flood.
					N
					Loil Knab.
					Squire Crab.

What! was this noble lad un-

NOVEMBER hath xxx Days:

M	Dec.
D	South.

First Quarter	7	{ Day } { at }	9 ho. 34 m.	Attern.	1	14°	46'	
Full Moon	15		3	18	Morn.	6	16	18
Last Quarter	21		7	2	Attern.	11	17	43
New Moon	29		10	37	Morn.	16	19	1
☉ enters ♏ 21 st day, at o ho. 44 min. After.					21	20	10	
					26	21	10	

1	21	Tu	All Saints	
2	22	W	Pr. Edward born	All Souls.
3	23	Th	Prs. Sophia born	On mor. of All Souls 1 ret.
4	24	F		This I well know, but still my plan
5	25	S	Powder Plot 1605.	Is, that each maid so plague each man
6	26	B	24 Sun. aft. Trin.	Leonard
7	27	M	Mich. Term be.	Mercury stationary
8	28	Tu	Prs. Aug. Sophia br.	During the whole leap-year :
9	29	W	Lord Mayor's day at	That as the war's such havock made,
10	30	Th	[London	The wooing and the wedding trade
11	31	F	St. Martin	These losses may repair,
12	Nov.	S	On m. of St. M. 2 re.	Cambridge Term. divi. at m.
13	2	B	25 Sun. aft. Trin.	Britius. Bp.
14	3	M		And if your sparks be dull and slow,
15	4	Tu	Machutus	I hold it right that you should know,
16	5	W		And should your pow'r assert,
17	6	Th	Hugh bp of Linco.	To quicken them, and let them see
18	7	F	In 8 d. of St. M. 3 re.	That it your business must be
19	8	S		To make them more alert ;
20	9	B	26 Sun. aft. Trin.	Edmund K. & Mar.
21	10	M		For in my notion 'tis a shame
22	11	Tu	Cecilia. O. St. Martin	That those who're neither blind nor
23	12	W	St. Clement	lame
24	13	Th		Should for a husband fret ;
25	14	F	D. of Glo. born	Cath. In 15 d. of St. Mart 4 r.
26	15	S		Or fusty bachelors be found
27	16	B	Advent Sunday	I'm told worth many thousand pound,
28	17	M	Mich. Term ends	Which you can't catch with net.
29	18	Tu		Which now is hoarded up in vain,
30	19	W	St. Andrew	But which might families maintain,
				And pleasure pretty wives,

Observations in NOVEMBER.

M	D	Clock
		aft. Sun.
1	16	15
6	16	6
11	15	37
16	14	47
21	13	37
26	12	6

Now every orchard, every garden fine
 Looks dreary ; yet great store of corn and wine
 The men that have, and careful use, I trow,
 This winter little want are like to know.

1	V	5	a	55	2	Old Honey	flogged, was he really of such high
2	15	45	6	24	3	who stole the	rank that he had not a friend in
3	17	43	7	0	4	dog, and put	the world to represent to him, the
4	19	41	7	42	5	the cat in	probable consequences of his pro-
5	21	39	8	35	6	his pocket,	ceedings, had he no companion
6	22	38	9	33	7	Mrs. Mo-	that durst speak truth? It is not to
7	24	36	10	40	8	esty,	be greatly wondered at. Truth
8	26	34	11	49	9	who filch'd	was hateful to his ear. What
9	27	33	morn		10	the casket,	young lady, that was not a fool or
10	29	31	1	0	11	and long'd	mad, would give up herself and
11	31	29	2	15	12	for the ring	fortune, to a lad, who knew not
12	32	28	3	32	13	and locket.	how to use his own, but blamed his
13	34	26	4	51	14	and	relations because they were wise
14	36	24	6	12	15	and	enough to take all the care in their
15	37	23	(rises	F	16	and	power to prevent him from ruining
16	39	21	5	a	17	Mary Grey,	himself before he arrived at the age
17	40	20	6	27	18	These kind-	of manhood. Bless that sapient
18	42	18	7	27	19	ly lov'd best	lawyer who drew up the advertise-
19	43	17	8	39	20	their own	ment for him, how sagacious a ge-
20	44	16	9	55	21	way,	nius must he needs be! and should
21	46	14	11	15	22	And so do	the young nobleman ever come to
22	47	13	morn		23	thousands	his right senses, or get rid of the
23	48	12	0	33	24	well as they.	maggots before he has got rid of
24	50	10	1	48	25	Both old and	his fortune; how great a portion
25	51	9	3	1	26	young, gen-	of his esteem must this limb of
26	52	8	4	13	27	tle and sim-	the law possess!
27	53	7	5	24	28	ple,	I say, if he does not first ruin
28	54	6	6	33	29	Fan with the	himself, let him visit him when
29	56	4	D sets	N	30	patch, Nan	his judgment is matured by years:
30	57	3	4	a	1	with the	and he will find the truth of the
						dimple,	wife man's observation, He that
						Sue with the	rebuketh a man, shall afterwards
						brush, Sall	find more favour, than he that
						with the	flattereth with the tongue.
						wing,	Flattery is of three kinds; the
							first is when what is worthy of
							some praise, is praised too highly

DECEMBER hath xxxi Days.

M	Decl.
D	South

First Quarter	7	} Day at	{	3	ho. 58	m. Aft.	1	21° 59'
Full Moon	14			2	13	Aft.	6	22 38
Last Quarter	21			6	20	Morn.	11	23 6
New Moon	29			5	59	Morn.	16	23 23

☉ enters ♍ 21st day, a 1 ho. 7 min. Afternoon.

1	20	Th					
2	21	F					
3	22	S					
4	23	B	2 Sun. in Advent				
5	24	M					
6	25	Tu	Nicholas				
7	26	W					
8	27	Th	Con. of V. Mary				
9	28	F					
10	29	S					
11	30	B	3 Sun. in Adent				
12	Dec.	M					
13	2	Tu	Lucy				
14	3	W	Ember Week				
15	4	Th					
16	5	F	O. Sap. Cam. T. e.				
17	6	S	Oxf. Term ends				
18	7	B	4 Sun. in Advent				
19	8	M					
20	9	Tu					
21	10	W	St. Thomas Apost.				
22	11	Th					
23	12	F					
24	13	S					
25	14	B	Nativ. of Our Lord,				
26	15	M	St. Stephen				
27	16	Tu	1 S. a. Chr. St. John				
28	17	W	Innocents				
29	18	Th					
30	19	F					
31	20	S	Silvester				

Yet these old surfeits only hoard
To look at what might well afford
The comforts, all their lives,
Nay the conveniencies of life,
A hopeful offspring, frugal wife,
These they themselves deny.
Tis well for them that I'm not
great,
For were I Minister of State,
I'd tax them rare and high.
And now, my lasses, 'tis high time
For me to end my humble rhyme,
As now it is December.
Let these my merry maxims sage
Continue with you to old age,
And always them remember.
For they when you have with them
done
May serve a daughter, or a son,
They are specific rules;
Superior in each age and nation,
In every rank and every station,
To all that's taught in schools.
Shortest Day.
Besides they come warm from the
heart,
Unlikely are to make you start,
or, Christmas Day
Or turn your head aside;
May each kind damsel be repaid
With love and truth, so shall each
maid
Become a happy bride.

Observations in DECEMBER.

M	Clock
D	aft. Sun.
1	10 16 ⁿ
6	8 12
11	5 56
16	3 31
21	1 2
26	1 bef. 27

He that in March or April would not plow,
Or in July or August would not work,
For his neglect may go a begging now,
Before he use can either knife or fork.

I	II	IV	5 a	31	2
2	59	I	6	20	3
3	III	III	7	16	4
4	0	0	8	19	5
5	1	59	9	26	6
6	2	58	10	35	7
7	3	57	11	46	8
8	4	56	morn		9
9	4	56	0	59	10
10	5	55	1	13	11
11	5	55	2	32	12
12	6	54	3	53	13
13	6	54	5	18	14
14	7	53	(rises	F	15
15	7	53	4 a	57	16
16	7	53	6	7	17
17	8	52	7	23	18
18	8	52	8	45	19
19	8	52	10	9	20
20	8	52	11	24	21
21	8	52	morn		22
22	8	52	0	40	23
23	8	52	1	52	24
24	8	52	3	1	25
25	7	53	4	12	26
26	7	53	5	20	27
27	7	53	6	26	28
28	6	54	7	29	29
29	6	54	D sets	N	
30	5	55	4 a	55	
31	5	55	5	56	2

Bett, while
she milks is
pleas'd to
sing.

Long Meg

to run into
the town,
While others
wing the
cobwebs
down.

Brisk Moll

had rather
stay at home,
When she
has no
where out to
roam.

And

Prating Peg

will silent
sit,

When no
one's near to

hear her wit,

And when
alone she
tells no lyes.

But loves

good cheer

and Christ-

mas pyes.

and more than it merits. The second is, praising what neither deserves praise nor blame. And the third is praising what ought to be blamed. All these kinds are but too common in the world, even as used by men towards men. But, fair ladies, do not think that I forget you, they are all three full of used towards you, and will be so long as you seem pleas'd with them. And a philosophical reason may be given for this.

Hem! a philosophical reason for the folly of a woman!

Yes, ye fair, you are taught to court praise even from your cradle, and what is truly praise worthy requires some pains in the acquirement. Ladies do not love pains, and if you will be at no pains to deserve praise, and still are greedy of it, you must and will be flattered. And this is a true and philosophical reason for the folly of woman kind.

But hold, I must not go on repeating at this rate, this is the December column, and yet I cannot well take my leave, till I have given you another important piece of intelligence, of great weight to me, and great truth to you. Which is, that when you have bought my Almanack, and paid for it, I am then, and not before

Your's,

POOR ROBIN.

A TABLE of Terms and their Returns 1796.

Very necessary for all those who are so unfortunate as to be obliged to go to Law.

Hilary Term begins Jan. 23, ends Feb. 12.

Returns or Effoign Days.	Ex.	Ret.	Ap.	W. D.
On the Octave of St. Hillary, -	Jan. 20	21	22	23 Saturd.
In 15 days from the day of St. Hillary,	27	28	29	30 Saturd.
On the Mor. of the Purif. B. V. M.	Feb. 3	4	5	6 Saturd.
On the Octave of the Purif. B. V. M.	9	10	11	12 Friday.

Easter Term begins April 13, ends May 9.

In 15 Days after Easter	-	-	Apr. 10	11	12	13	Wedn.
In 3 weeks from Easter day	-	-	17	18	19	20	Wedn.
In 1 Month from Easter day	-	-	24	25	26	27	Wedn.
In 5 Weeks from Easter day	-	-	May 1	2	3	4	Wedn.
On the Morrow of the Ascension	-	-	6	7	8	9	Mond.

Trinity Term begins May 27, ends June 15.

On the morrow of the Holy Trinity	-	May 23	24	25	27	Friday
On the Octave of the Holy Trinity	-	29	30	31	J. 1	Wedn.
In 15 Days from the Holy Trinity	-	June 5	6	7	8	Wedn.
In 3 Weeks from the Holy Trin.	-	12	13	14	15	Wedn.

Michaelmas Term begins Nov. 7, ends Nov. 28.

On the morrow of All Souls,	-	Nov. 3	4	5	7	Mond.
On the morrow of St. Martin,	-	12	13	14	15	Tuef.
On the Octave of St. Martin.	-	18	19	20	21	Mond.
In 15 Days of St. Martin,	-	25	26	27	28	Mond.

N. B. No fittings in Westminster-hall on Candlemas Day, Ascension Day, and Midsummer Day.

The Exchequer opens eight days before any Term begins, except Trinity, before which it opens but four days.

Note. That the first and last days of every Term, are the first and last days of appearance.

When Lawyers cease perverting Laws,		Perverting what is just and clear,
And in wife Statutes finding flaws,		The last great Judgment will be near.

POOR ROBIN,

1796.

PART THE SECOND.

Containing as much Astrology as is necessary for a performance of this kind, and no more than the truth; which gives it by much the preference to all other annual prognostications, with such tables, and observations, as (added to the first part) are highly useful to all astronomers, astrologers, accountants, chronologers, and politicians.

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ASTRONOMICAL CHARACTERS,

PLANETS	SIGNS of the ZODIAC.
☉ The Sun.	♈ Aries.
☾ The Moon.	♉ Taurus.
☿ Mercury.	♊ Gemini.
♀ Venus.	♋ Cancer.
♂ Mars.	♌ Leo.
♃ Jupiter.	♍ Virgo.
♄ Saturn.	♎ Libra.
♊ Ascending Node.	♏ Scorpio.
♋ Descending Node.	♐ Sagittarius.
♌ Conjunction.	♑ Capricorn.
♍ Opposition.	♒ Aquarius. ♛ Pisces.

THE ANATOMY.



A correct TABLE of the MOON'S SOUTHING calculated
one who has any thing to do with

M.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.
D.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	Morn.	6 m 2	5 m 26	6 m 41	7 m 8	8 m 12
2	6 9	6 46	6 13	7 31	7 57	9 2
3	6 51	7 32	7 1	8 22	8 45	9 54
4	7 33	8 19	7 51	9 12	9 35	10 50
5	8 15	9 8	8 42	10 2	10 25	11 51
6	8 59	9 58	9 33	10 52	11 17	aft. 54
7	9 45	10 49	10 24	11 42	aft. 13	1 58
8	10 33	11 40	11 15	aft. 34	1 11	3 0
9	11 22	aft. 31	aft. 5	1 28	2 13	3 59
10	aft. 12	1 20	1 55	2 24	3 15	4 53
11	1 2	2 9	1 45	3 22	4 17	5 43
12	1 52	2 57	2 36	4 22	5 16	6 30
13	2 41	3 46	3 29	5 22	6 11	7 14
14	3 29	4 36	4 25	6 21	7 2	7 57
15	4 16	5 29	5 52	7 18	7 50	8 39
16	5 3	6 24	6 20	8 11	8 35	9 22
17	5 52	7 21	7 19	9 1	9 18	10 7
18	6 43	8 20	8 17	9 48	10 1	10 52
19	7 37	9 20	9 13	10 33	10 44	11 39
20	8 34	10 18	10 6	11 17	11 28	Morn.
21	9 34	11 14	10 56	12 0	Morn.	28
22	10 35	Midn.	11 43	Morn.	13 1	17
23	11 36	7	Morn.	44	1 0	2 6
24	Morn.	57	29	1 29	1 47	2 55
25	35	1 44	1 13	2 15	2 36	3 42
26	1 30	2 29	1 57	3 2	3 25	4 28
27	2 21	3 13	2 42	3 50	4 14	5 14
28	3 8	3 57	3 27	4 40	5 3	6 0
29	3 53	4 41	4 13	5 30	5 50	6 47
30	4 36	5	5 1	6 19	6 37	7 37
31	5 19	5 51	5 51	7	24	

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ber either by Land or Water.

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M.	July.	August.	Sept.	Octob.	Nov.	Dec.
D.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	8 m 29	10 m 13	11 m 59	aft. 25	1 a 27	1 a 40
2	9 26	11 16	aft. 50	1 11	2 14	2 29
3	10 26	aft. 16	1 38	1 57	3 3	3 18
4	11 30	1 13	2 25	2 43	3 52	4 6
5	aft. 35	2 6	3 11	3 30	4 41	4 52
6	1 37	2 55	3 56	4 18	5 30	5 37
7	2 35	3 42	4 22	5 6	6 18	6 21
8	3 29	4 27	5 29	5 55	7 5	7 6
9	4 18	5 11	6 17	6 45	7 51	7 51
10	5 5	5 56	7 5	7 35	8 37	8 39
11	5 49	6 41	7 55	8 23	9 24	9 29
12	6 32	7 28	8 45	9 11	10 12	10 24
13	7 15	8 16	9 35	9 59	11 2	11 23
14	7 59	9 5	10 24	10 46	11 56	Morn. 26
15	8 45	9 55	11 12	11 34	Morn. 53	1 31
16	9 31	10 45	12 0	Morn. 24	1 54	2 35
17	10 20	11 34	Morn. 47	1 16	2 57	3 34
18	11 9	Morn. 23	1 35	2 11	3 59	4 30
19	11 59	1 10	2 25	3 9	4 59	5 21
20	Morn. 1	1 56	3 16	4 9	5 55	6 8
21	48	2 43	4 10	5 9	6 47	6 53
22	1 36	3 30	5 8	6 7	7 35	7 36
23	2 23	4 19	6 8	7 8	8 21	8 20
24	3 9	5 11	7 8	8 1	9 5	9 4
25	3 55	6 6	8 8	8 52	9 49	9 49
26	4 41	7 4	9 5	9 40	10 33	10 36
27	5 29	8 5	9 59	10 26	11 18	11 24
28	6 19	9 6	10 50	11 11	aft. 4	aft. 12
29	7 12	9 6	11 39	11 56	52	1 1
30	8 9	10 4	aft. 41		1	49
31	9 10	11				

The use of the foregoing TABLE of the Moon's Southing, to find the time of High-Water, and the hour of the night.

I. To find the time of High-Water in most parts of
E N G L A N D, &c. &c.

Take the time of the Moon's Southing for the day proposed, and to that add the hours and minutes which stand against the place required in the following Table of sea-coasts, and the sum will be the time of High-Water at the place required on that day.

A Table of the Sea Coasts.

H. M.

Portsmouth, Queenborough, Southampton,	0	00
Rochester, Winchelsea, Flushing,	0	45
Downs, Gravesend, Ramkins, Guernsey,	1	30
Denbeigh, Bell-Isle, Holy-Isle, Downs-Road,	2	15
London, Tinnmouth, Whitby, Hartlepool,	3	00
Scarborough, Berwick, Flushing, Staples,	3	45
Flamborough, Humber, Bridlington-Bay,	4	30
Plymouth, Ramsey, Newcastle, Severn,	5	15
Lynn, Fosdyke, Hull, Weymouth, Dartmouth, Cross-Keys,	6	00
Boston, Start-Point, Foulness, Bristol-Key,	6	45
Bridgewater, Milford Haven, Lizard, Wintertown,	7	30
Farmouth, Isle of Wight, the Needles,	8	15
Isle of Man, Orkney, Pool, South-Foreland,	9	10
Dover, Hartwich, Orfordness, Bullein,	10	10
Rye, Solebay, Margate-Road,	11	15

I. To find the hour of the night by the shadow of the moon on a sun-dial.

1. When the shadow falls precisely on the hour 12, then the time of the Moon's southing, found in the preceding table is the exact time of night. But in other cases,

2. If the shadow wants of 12, see how much it wants of it; Which time subtracted from that of the Moon's southing, leaves the time of night. *Note,* You must add 12 hours to the Moon's southing, if need be.

3. If the shadow has past 12, add the time that it has past it to the time of the Moon's southing; the sum will be the time of night required; abating 12 hours from that sum, if need be.

A DOUBLE TALE: ABOUT SOMEBODY.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT WHOM, READ IT.

*Integer vultu, scelerisque purus,
Non eget Mauri jaculis nec arcu,
Nec venenatis gravida sagittis,
Fusce, pharetra.*

HOR.

With poison'd shafts made big the quiver,
The Moor's fell darts and bow needs never,
The man, whose heart's from villainy,
And every bad intention free.

ROBIN.

AND now I've got my paper ready,
My pen and ink, and seated steady,
In my old elbow-chair that's rotten,
No circumstance should be forgotten,
That serv'd his father, nephew, son,
To sit and write *Poor Robin's* on:
All that concern's me, well I trow,
My readers all must want to know:
A writer eminent as I,
For making folks both laugh and cry,
As all must wish to know the affairs of,
Sure all will strive to ease the cares of.
My tables, chairs, my tongs, and poker,
Are with that good man the pawnbroker;
And, howsoever I esteem them,
I have no money to redeem them.
My three-leg'd stool, that's very fable,
Must serve me for a writing table.
As low my coal-heap, poor my fire,
Poker and tongs it don't require.
I've sav'd my fire-shovel, to turn
My ashes o'er again and burn;
Am very saving grown, O brave!
Because I've little left to save.
And many finer folks than me
Make virtue of necessity.
And, tho' bad grammar this, 'tis sense
And rhyme, which is rare recompence.
To please you all I mean to try,
That many customers may buy

My

My Almanack, that so I may
 Feed my lean sides another day,
 So, on my famous three-legg'd stool
 I'll write a story of a fool.
 Sage I, on such a theme inditing,
 O how you must admire the writing !
 I hope you have bought my books before,
 And will do till I write no more.
 This fool had learnt to write and read,
 And yet he was a fool indeed ;
 Nay, if you more of truth must have,
 Besides a fool, he was a knave.
 And so, indeed, are many more,
 I fear, I might say, many a score.
 He cou'd, I'd have you understand,
 Both cast accounts and measure land,
 And knew, as well as any one,
 Which side his bread was butter'd on.

But finding money in dark shambles,
 And writing tales without preambles,
 Was never ancient Robin's way,
 Who loves to moisten well his clay ;
 So, readers kind, let me drink first,
 'Tis very hard to die for thirst :
 'Tis worse than hunger, I've been told,
 By those who've been in search of gold,
 Across what seamen call *the line*.
 But that's no business of mine.
 Thither I never wish to roam,
 I'm often dry enough at home.
 But now, as my good neighbour *Salt*,
 Has trusted me with a little malt,
 'Till I'm for the next *Robin* paid,
 (He must trust longer I'm afraid)
 And since my kind and bosom wife,
 The plague and comfort of my life,
 Has wisely brew'd it into ale,
 To drink it soon we shall not fail.
 For tho' she loves hot tea and toast,
 Best pleas'd is, when she gets the most,
 She also loves good cherry-brandy,
 Better than I love sugar-candy ;
 She also loves good ale as well as I,
 And loves to drink before she's dry ;
 So foot to foot we set, this weather,
 And lovingly get drunk together.

And

And that's the reason, people say,
 Why all my goods are gone astray.
 Bless them, they're ready all the while,
 To help a lame dog o'er the stile.
 When a man's poor, how rich folks frown,
 And poor rogues strive to keep him down.
 Poor and perverse men are such elves,
 They wish all wretched like themselves.
 And with delight at other's woe,
 Do all they can to make them so:
 When so improvident they are,
 Of the *main-chance* not to take care,
 'Tis the worst snare of poverty,
 That in that state, you plac'd must be
 Upon a level with the worst
 Of outcasts, and the most accurs'd;
 Who'll no rest give you night nor day,
 Until you be as bad as they.
 They'd rather tell the greatest lies,
 Nay murder you, than let you rise.
 Or, thro' the world to make your way,
 That's their reproach they think and say.
 'Tis thus, those who delight in evil,
 The working tools are of the devil.
 'Tis thus the spirits are depress'd
 Of those, who wou'd themselves divest
 Of bad companions, so that they
 With honest industry their way
 Might make, and by frugality,
 In time, might independent be.

Now, that hard-hearted knave the broker,
 Who's got my table, tongs, and poker,
 Has got my books too safe, or I
 Would tell a tale, that might apply
 With much propriety, to those,
 Who are their own and other's foes.
 Those who in mischief take delight,
 And practise it by day and night.
 But as my book I cannot get,
 'Tis bootless quite to sigh and fret,
 For without money, tears and pray'rs
 Are things, for which no broker cares:
 Are things he cannot hear nor see,
 Who thrives by others' misery.
 If then you wish it, readers, I
 To write from memory will try.

A Moor by birth, Ben Alli nam'd,
In Fez and in Morocco found,
A merchant rich, and free was he,
As any of the same degree,
That ever dwelt in Morocco,
Or travel'd o'er the plains of Fez.
He treated, as he well was able,
Consuls and Envoys at his table;
Among them, him from England sent,
Who thought it no disparagement
But as from memory I write,
The name I have forgotten quite.

Alli, his riches to evince,
Behav'd as generous as a prince,
Equal to such expence was made,
By driving on so great a trade,
Sent caravans to distant nations,
And factors kept at proper stations.
Nor did his home, his knowledge bound,
He travel'd to the countries round,
The different interest and view,
Of all the potentates, he knew,
Respect and wisdom were combined
With liberality of mind.
Thro' court and country too, his fame
Was known, and valu'd was his name.

No wonder then, that one so noted
Should by his sovereign be promoted,
And trusted with affairs of state,
Whose wealth and wisdom were so great.

But here now let us pause a while,
And turn our thoughts to this our isle,
Bless'd land of peace and liberty,
Where all may if they will be free.
Where none, if they obey the laws,
To fear protection can have cause.
This to afford, each can engage
A jury of the vicinage,
Impartial to a crown or clown,
Setting none up, it none pulls down.

But, I must mend my pen I think,
That it may better let down ink;
I stand in need of ready writing,
To keep up pace with my inditing.

Now, in the lands where Despots hold
The reins of government, their gold,

Their

Their wisdom, and their eminence,
 But for oppression yield pretence;
 Make subjects of their jealousy
 And not esteem to objects be.
 A tyrant's smiles them high may raise,
 But, ah! how seldom all their days
 These last; full soon they find, his frown
 Can far more quickly pull him down.
Ben Alli found the truth of this,
 Tho' he'd but little done amiss;
 For crosses, losses, care, vexation,
 Made him resolve to quit his nation.
 What mortal can these things defy?
 Who from adversity can fly?
 He'd heard much of this happy land
 Of Britain, as I understand;
 The seat of freedom sam'd, and where
 He'd no more tyrants frowns to fear;
 To London came. But there, what door
 Is open to a stranger poor?
 He herded with low Jews, I'm told,
 Who once partook had of his gold.
 Do not him blame, for he was poor,
 And who regards a friendless Moor?
 He could not find those he'd care'd'd,
 And hop'd would succour now distress'd;
 He got petitions drawn, but when
 He strove to visit gentlemen,
 The porters from each door drove back
 The wretched squallid looking black.
 For here our painters, are so civil,
 Like a black-moor they draw the devil;
 Whereas by actions bad alone,
 And lies the likeness of him's shewn;
 And whites as well as blacks we see,
 Herein to copy him agree.
Ben Alli, in low company,
 Compell'd to lowest drudgery,
 Among the scum of London's stews,
 Wretches far worse than Moors and Jews,
 Those who by wicked actions thrive,
 Much like to bury'd was alive.
 Of misery he bore this weight,
 'Till seventeen hundred eighty eight,
 In which year an association
 Of gentlemen of wealth and station

Subscrib'd

Subscrib'd, in order to survey
 The interior parts of *Africa*,
 Which well deserved to be more known,
 As a French Officer had shewn,
 They, therefore, cast about for news,
 And people to complete their views:
 And by some means it came about,
 That they found poor *Ben Alli* out.
 Who, tho' by London's fews and dirt,
 His recollection had been hurt,
 Benumbing is of grief the dart,
 And hurts the head as well as heart,
 Was able yet to tell them things,
 Describe well customs, countries, kings,
 Of which they had not so much as heard
 The names, as afterwards appear'd:
 Of wars and treaties many more,
 And ways of trade unknown before;
 How his own monarch went for strife
 And war, but came back with a wife.
 He promised if their plan proceeded,
 To give them all the advice they needed.

Howe'er the gentlemen had doubt,
 Tho' they had found *Ben Alli* out,
 Whether he really was the same
 With the great merchant of that name.
 This to remove, it was their plan,
 To send for that same gentleman,
 Whose name has slip'd me now. When come,
Ben, upon entering the room
 Him knew, and to embrace him flies,
 The big tears starting in his eyes:
 Which shew'd he no impostor was,
 Altho' distress'd enough, alas!
 His misery, by a small supply
 They lighten, promising to try
 Him to provide for, their intent
 Was to find out somewhat permanent:
 They thought, at learned Oxford, he
 Might place to advantage be,
 As he the *arabic* well knew,
 To read, to write, and speak it too.

But as *Ben's* misery, acquainted
 Had made him with such wretches tainted
 With every vice, whereby man can
 Debas'd become, it was his plan

To shake them off, had he been able;
 But as fast as anchors to a cable,
 He found them stick, when they were told
 That he'd presented been with gold.
 They quickly made him bare as bare,
 Each taking what they call'd their share:
 If he refus'd, they said, they'd blow him,
 Till gentlemen would never know him,
 And what they said he'd cause to fear it,
 For true, or false, he knew they'd swear it.

But when they saw, that come to day,
 By merit he would make his way,
 Fearing their consciences he'd goad,
 They murder'd him upon the road.
 And tho' the gentlemen, who were
 Him to provide for taking care,
 Spread all the due enquiry round,
 His murderers were never found.

Poor hapless man! unfortunate,
 How hard! how pitiable his fate!
 Let it a fearful warning be,
 To all who keep bad company:
 That they in time draw back with care,
 Ere they're entangled in the snare.

Let not my gentle readers cry,
 To please us, boy, you said you'd try,
 Sure telling stories sad to tease us,
 Is a strange way, old boy, to please us.
 We've long been sure enough of this,
 That evil men will act amiss.

Be patient, sirs, and do not rail,
 You in due time shall have my tale.
 I still to make you smile will try,
 For this tale's but a bit by the bye.

When I began, I'd no intention
 This, or the man in moon to mention.
 But subjects strange come crowding in,
 And when I once to write begin,
 The end to which I chiefly look,
 Is how to soonest fill my book,
 That I, who strive to others treat,
 Myself may something get to eat,
 For others thirst of knowledge, think,
 To quench my own thirst I must drink:
 And without money found have long,
 Few give me drink for an old song.

For cash then it has been my plan,
To make each tale long as I can;
This piece of prudence, dearly bought,
At London city, I've been taught,
Where Grub-street writers, high in fame,
And garret stations, do the same.

Sure now, these beautiful digressions
Are not unpardonable transgressions
Against fine writing. These I see
In writers, all as fine as me.

And now, kind customers, will I, to
This tragedy deep ended, try
To give the comedy by rule,
And tell the tale about the fool.

I own the wit is very low,
Yet that is not my fault, I know,
As I have heard it, I give you it,
The tale invent not, but renew it.
Tho' this fool sometimes lost his cue,
He mostly his own interest knew,
And those can lose their cues I see;

Who think they're wiser far than he.
Tho' christen'd *Tom*, they call'd him *Jack*,
A many colour'd coat his back
Adorn'd; but don't cry out so hot

There! we've a merry-andrew got,
A jester to some mountebank,
No. This fool was of higher rank;
Of noble rank upon my word,
For he was jester to a lord.
And tho' I've said, the wit be low,
'I will suit some well enough I know.

In the last age, these useful things,
Call'd jesters, oft were kept by kings,
And *Yorick's* wit so brightly shone,

He lately taken was for one
His journey sentimental we
May read therein if we can see:
They call'd him jester to the king,

Which shews they thought that a fine thing.
You've read likewise of *Killegrew*,
Whose fame thro' this great nation flew,
For wit obscene, and jests impure,

Such nastiness I can't endure.
And this same fool, of whom I write,
In nastiness did not delight,

Give him his due, he was as clean
 As most of them have ever been,
 And did the best that he was able
 To please the rich and great at table:
 But often 'twas at the expence,
 Of poor dependent men of sense.
 He crack'd his jokes the most on these,
 As a sure way the rich to please
 He found it; even strove therefore
 To make ridiculous the poor.
 And this, his rich lord never cloy'd,
 He each poor man's distress enjoy'd.
 O give me, give me but brown bread
 Enough on my own table spread;
 I'll ne'er approach the splendid board
 Of a rich overbearing lord.
 Without an eye-glass to his eye,
 He others faults can quickly spy,
 And when he has one, 'tis well known,
 He's blind enough still to his own:
 Glad, his own praises to hear sounded,
 By flattering sycophants surrounded,
 Who'll say that black is white, howe'er,
 That it light-brown is, they will swear
 If my lord wishes it, alert,
 They'll quite the contrary assert.
 Thus his dependents truth disguise,
 And parsons to preferment rise;
 For parsons flatter can, and are
 Oft readier at it than at pray'r:
 And thus to get, have oft been known,
 A good fat living of their own:
 By flattery false, their fortune carve,
 While honest modest curates starve.
 And this one reason is, why we
 So many upstart preachers see:
 'Cause curate-starving worthless rectors
 Are truth-betrayers, not protectors.
 Such things as these, I cannot bend them,
 And leave them must, for I can't mend them,
 To turn again to jester Jack,
 Who going out his lord call'd back,
 Saying, you rascal, do you hear?
 O yes, my lord, I'm always near.
 And shall be so while I am able,
 To eat ten plates full at your table.

A gentleman then, firrah, wonder,
 To whom I'm obligations under,
 Will dine with me on such a day,
 Carefully mind then what you say;
 And let it be your earnest plan,
 Not to affront the gentleman.
 You'll see his nose is very large,
 Say nothing of that, I you charge,
 His good large nose adds sense and grace
 To his fine claret-coloured face,
 A good large nose, Jack's, a fine feature,
 Shews sensibility of nature;
 But Jack, be sure you nothing say
 That in the least offend him may.
 Your eyes you too had better close,
 Nor look, nor speak, of his great nose.
 I from him have great expectation,
 He's rich, and I'm a near relation.
 So, above all things, I you charge,
 Don't say his nose is red and large.

I'll warrant you, my lord, Jack cries,
 As if he had been wonderous wise:
 On parsons, though I crack my jokes,
 And second-handed gentlefolks,
 Frequenters of your lordship's table,
 Because to dine at home unable.
 If one of these but drink, I cry,
 I think, they'll drink the cellar dry:
 If heartily they eat, alack,
 I cry, none will be left for Jack.
 See, see, that such a hungry glutton,
 He'd swallow a whole leg of mutton!
 Great gentlemen I never teaze,
 No, them I always strive to please.
 Well, mind, his lordship says, you hog,
 Or I shall use you like a dog.

And now the appointed day arrives,
 Jack cuts his capers then, and strives
 To please, with all his main and might,
 Thinks he, all men in praise delight:
 I'll praise the gentleman; here goes;
 Ah! what a little pretty nose!
 As pale and sweet as a white rose.
 Ah! what a little nosy neat!
 Ah nosy, nosy quite complete!

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For why a nose I can't it call,
He's hardly any nose at all.

The gentleman look'd very gruff,
As if he rise wou'd in a huff;
His lordship trown'd, and hence Jack knew,
Alas! that he had miss'd his cue.
So on the parson turn'd his jokes,
And smoak'd the petty gentlefolks:
Who, forced to bear it, all the while,
Put on a pitiable smile.

Ah! how I pity the poor sinner,
Who forc'd to snudge is for a dinner.
He'd better dine on a dry crust,
As I have done, and often must,
If none me either love or trust,
Than on a lord dependent be,
Who others woes unhurt can see.

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Of the ECLIPSES in 1796.

(1) January 10th the Sun will be eclipsed in the morning at about 6 ho. 5 m. which therefore cannot be seen by day-light here.

(2) July 4th, at 11 o'clock; at night, will be another Eclipse of the Sun invisible, the Sun not happening to shine here at that time.

(3) December 4th, in the afternoon, the Moon will be eclipsed, beginning 1 ho. 8 min. 1-half, opposition 2 ho. 13 min. middle 2 ho. 21 min. end 3 ho. 34 min. digits eclipse 69 1' on the Moon's north limb. This is put down for the use of those who live in parts of the world far east of us, if haply any of them should be blessed with the sight of *Poor Robin's Almanack*. The Moon will not be risen here at the time, which is a very good reason why it cannot be seen here. For though, without the light of the Sun no Eclipse of the Moon could be seen, yet, as I have with wonderful sagacity observed before, at no place by sun-shining at the time there, can any Lunar Eclipse be seen.

(4) December 29th, at 6 ho. in the morning the Sun again will be Eclipsed, when neither Sun nor Eclipse will be visible here.



On the FOUR QUARTERS of the YEAR, 1796.

1. SPRING, as this is Leap Year, begins a day sooner, than is, on the 19th day of March, day and night being then equal. Do not think, kind Readers, that like *Moore, Partridge, Season and Wing*, I mean here to draw you a scheme of *Egyptian* darkness, filled with wild zigzags, to tell you what will never happen. No, I advise you in this quarter to be prepared for Old Lady Day; it is a day much to be observed by all tenants from generation to generation: and which landlords very seldom, indeed, forget; I have therefore kindly put it down in the Calendar on the 5th day of April. If you do not remember it, believe me, you will be remembered of it: as surely as that you may expect showers in April and flowers in May.

A cottage as often is fill'd with content

As a palace, but then you must pay your full rent.

2. SUMMER, begins this year on the 20th of June; at 36 min. past 6 in the afternoon, when days are longest, and the sun's meridian altitude the greatest; so Almanack makers seldom put down cold weather this *Quarter*. Yet in the year 1795 it was so cold in June as to starve to death nearly one fourth part of the flocks of sheep on *Salisbury-plain*; being new shorn, they were unable to bear the unexpected severity of the season. The cold weather made the harvest late, and the crops the preceding year being scanty, caused a dearth, so that in some of the counties in England, wheat sold at the enormous price of eight guineas the quarter. And had not a supply come from Dantzic it would not have been to be had at any price.

Hard were the times, and hungry were the poor,
The rich howe'er contributed the more.

3. AUTUMN, This *Quarter* begins on the 23d day of September, when apples are ripe, potatoes ready to get, and the corn, if the season be kindly, for the most part got in. The poor in country villages are able to glean a little corn, which may well be called their scanty harvest, it is, however, an help. But what harvest have the poor manufacturers in great towns, yet they are the most numerous and most useful part of the community, the props of foreign trade, and furnishers of the MIGHT of Great Britain. Think of their toil, their secluded candlelight toil! O ye opulent farmers and graziers, and ask not such unconscionable prices for your commodities; if you do sorrow will come to you next, take Poor Robin's word for it.

4. WINTER, begins on the 21st day of December, when days are shortest, and will last till they become 12 hours long again. But this is so well known, and my book is so well fill'd

Its so compact and fit in every line is,

This year in fact, no more remains but finishing with

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